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Prober Hits the CIA on Warren Data

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WASHINGTON — The executive director of the White House commission that investigated the CIA says that relevant evidence concerning CIA efforts to kill Cuban Premier Fidel Castro was improperly withheld from the Warren Commission inquiry into President Kennedy's assassination.

David W. Belin, who also served as a staff lawyer on the Warren Commission, told

a House subcommittee that the information not only should have been supplied to that panel but would probably have triggered "an even broader investigation" of Kennedy's murder than was actually undertaken.

One of the most outspoken defenders of the Warren Commission's findings, Belin said he is still convinced that Lee Harvey Oswald, acting alone, killed the President. But Belin indicated that he

also feels there should have been a more thorough investigation of possible Cuban connections.

There has been speculation that Kennedy was killed in retaliation for CIA plotting against Castro.

Under questioning by Rep. Bella Abzug (D-N. Y.), Belin called the evidence of CIA involvement in assassination plots against foreign leaders, particularly Castro, "a very, very sordid chapter in American history" and made clear that he thought it should have been made public months ago.

As executive director of the CIA investigating commission headed by Vice President Rockefeller, Belin pointed out that commission vice chairman C. Douglas Dillon stated publicly at one point their report would include a section on CIA assassination schemes.

Subsequently, Belin said, it was decided "not to release those documents."

A Des Moines, Iowa, lawyer, Belin emphasized that he was not stating that "Castro was involved" in the Kennedy assassination in any way. But he said he feels evidence of CIA plotting against the Cuban Premier "should have been made available to the Warren Commission."

Former CIA director Allen W. Dulles, who served on the Warren Commission, obviously knew about the anti-Castro scheming, Belin agreed, but he said he has been unable to find anyone else who served on the commission or the commission staff who was told about it.

Belin also said he feels all the Warren Commission documents now in the custody of the National Archives should be made public.